GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1848
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PERMIT FOR FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed that vessels registered in the country would only be allowed to catch tuna in Indian seas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction from various quarters thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to continue with the existing practice of giving foreign vessels Letters of Permit for fishing tuna;

(d) if so, whether the domestic tuna fishermen and processors are against foreign vessels fishing for tuna in Indian waters and whether any representation has been received by the Government from them in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the details of the corrective steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): There is no such proposal since the existing "Guidelines for Fishing operations in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)", already require Indian registration.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Letter of Permission (LoP) is required to fish in Indian EEZ. Representations have been received by the Government from various stakeholders not to allow foreign fishing vessels to fish in EEZ. It has been clarified that LoP is issued only to Indian entrepreneurs and no fishing vessel with foreign ownership is given permission to fish in the Indian EEZ.

(f): Does not arise.